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MEETING LINCOLN

Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

Surnames beginning with

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Darlington, Geo. E. Army of the Potomac Media, Pa.

Media, Penna.
May 1st. 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry
Bustleton, Philada Pa.

Dear Sir.

In reply to yours of April 25th. and your congratulation upon my long life and career.

The newspaper was correct in stating that I am a mason and a past master, and might, with truth have added, that I was one of the Charter Members of the Lucius H. Scott Lodge of Chester Penna. and its first Senior Warden. the number of the Lodge is No. 352, constituted March 16th. 1865.

I well remember the election of Abram Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States, and the secession of the South, and

I witnessed the review of the Army of the Potomac by Mr. Lincoln and General McClellan, on the battle field of Antietam, and well remember the sorrow of the Northern people over his death. At that review of the Army both Lincoln and MacClellan were on horseback, unattended by the staff of the General. MacClellan sat his horse like a soldier, and President Lincoln rode like a ploughboy, with long stirrups, and his feet turned out at the toes: but both were loudly cheered by the troops and onlookers. I never met this President in Washington, or came in contact with him.

Fraternally yours

Gen Lyre Darlington

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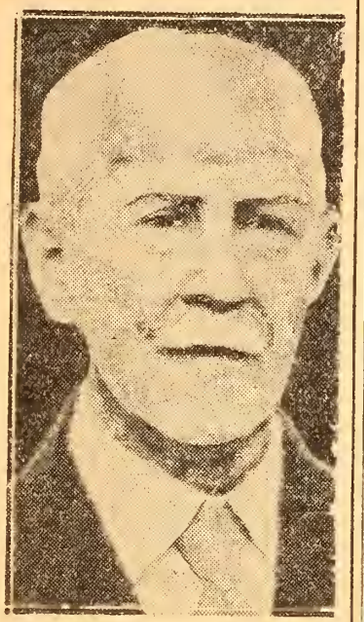
Patriarch of Bar Bewails Decline Of Political Game



GEORGE E. DARLINGTON

The nation's oldest practicing attorney told a gathering of youngsters of 60 and thereabouts last night what's wrong with the profession.

The speaker was George E. Darlington, 99, of Media, who was admitted to the bar in 1856, when Lincoln was running for Congress The occasion was a dinner at Media marking the seventy-fifth anniversary of his admission to the bar.

"You're putting young students through too much red tape," he said. "It doesn't take a college education to make a lawyer. And another thing, politics used to be a gentleman's game. Now the man with the biggest gang gets the best position."

All Delaware County Courts were adjourned at noon in Darlington's honor.

75 YEARS AT BAR

Judges and Lawyers Pay Tribute to George E. Darlington

Judges and lawyers met at the Rose Tree Hunt Club near Media yesterday afternoon to pay their respects to George E. Darlington, who celebrated the completion of his seventy-fifth year as a member of the bar of Delaware county.

A testimonial signed by those present was presented to the venerable lawyer by Judge O. B. Dickinson. Justice William I. Schaeffer, of the Supreme Court, declared that he doubted if a similar term of service had been rendered by any lawyer in the country.

Mr. Darlington expressed his appreciation at the honor done him by his associates, and by the judges, and then launched into a denunciation of current political practices.

"I have lived to see the time when I have very little good opinion of politicians," he said. "A man is not appointed because of his ability, but because he is in with the powers that be. It may be in this age it is necessary that some one tell us how to vote, but I am sorry to see it."

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Delaware Bar Pays Honor To the Dean

DEAN of the Delaware County Bar and said to be the oldest practicing lawyer in the United States, the venerable George Eyre Darlington, of Media, was honored this week by the members of the Delaware County Bar Association as he has been annually for several years. On this occasion more than the usual interest attached to the event as Mr. Darlington, who will celebrate next August the ninety-ninth anniversary of his birth, has been a member of the Bar for just seventy-five years.

He is in daily attendance at his office, and carries on the practice of his profession as the grand old man of Media. He is the son of Edward and Anne Preston Eyre Darlington, a descendant of two of the oldest families in Delaware county.

Born in the borough of Chester, in 1832, he was admitted to the Bar in 1856 and shortly thereafter established his office at the county seat in Media where he has since remained.

The young Darlington plunged into politics, took an active hand in the affairs of the community and of the county of which he was a resident, won the sobriquet of "the fighting attorney" and while he was still a comparatively young man was named as the District Attorney for the county, holding that office for several years. The Republican Convention at Cincinnati, in 1876, saw him as one of the delegates who nominated Rutherford B. Hayes for the Presidency. Later on he managed Thomas J. Clayton's campaign for the County Court.

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Dean, George O. Nashvill

Nashville, Mich.
Sept. 1, 1932.

Lincoln Natl Life Foundation,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sirs:- I was born in Niagara Co. N. Y. Dec. 6, 1841.

I was one of the 75,000 men who answered Lincoln's first call for troops in Apr. 1861. Seward's son was our Lieutenant Colonel.

A few days after being ordered to Washington, where we camped on Kalarama Heights, Lincoln & Seward drove out & our camp and shook hands with us. I saw him again in Camp near Rockville Md. and at Richmond two or three days before he was assassinated.

Yours Respectfully,
Geo. O. Dean.

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Dean, George O. Washington - shook hands Nashville, Michigan.

"I SAW LINCOLN" 91

Full Name George O Dean

Present Address P.O. Box 382, Nashville Michigan

Date of Birth Year 1841 Month Dec Day 6th

Place of Birth Niagara Co. N. Y.

Where you saw Lincoln Washington D. C. and shook hands with him

When You Saw Lincoln and when we were encamped near Rockville Md

Remarks: - and again at Richmond Va at the close of the war my hand shakes so that I have my Daughter do my writing

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Delaney, Florence

3908 Bennington St.
Phila. Pa. 2/19/31

My dear Mr. Terry:

You were right, I am the Mrs. Delaney who wrote the letter to the Inquirer. Since then our address has been changed to the one above.

My father lives with me. He has not been very well for the last couple weeks.

If you would

He has an old news paper printed on the day of the execution and a piece of the rope with which they were hung.

He was also death watch for Captain Wirz. I think that is the name, Commander of Andersonville, who gave him his meals the night before he was hung. He still has it.

I hope you will not hesitate to call

like to have a talk with him, we would be glad to have you call sometime.

Now, like all old people he has queer notions, so he said he does not want to meet any one through a news paper, so if you would call up some Sunday, Mr. Melaney would be glad to introduce you as a friend of his and he would enjoy telling you all about it

us if you feel as though you would like to talk to him. The telephone number is Jefferson 1125.

Very Sincerely

Florence Delaney

Temple Legion of Honor Parades and Decorates Martyrd President's Statue

Lu Lu Temple's Legion of Honor, composed of war veterans, held its annual Lincoln celebration yesterday afternoon, placing a wreath at the base of the Abraham Lincoln monument at Lemon Hill, just inside the Green street entrance to Fairmount Park.

More than one hundred and fifty uniformed men took part in the ceremony, which included also a series of drills to field music, under the leadership of Captain Frank White of the body. The Legion formed at the Museum of Art, marched to Lemon Hill for the service, and thence to Lu Lu Temple, where it disbanded. T. W. Battin, commander of the outfit, William McKim, potentate of the local Shriners, and all members of his divan attended.

SOUGHT IN SHOOTING

Dennis, J. M. L.-D. Debates - Galesburg, Ill. Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg Ill - Sept 10th 31.

Mr H. K. Terry.

Dear Sir

Answering yours of Sept 2nd I will say that I was but a mere boy when I attended the debate here in 1858 between Lincoln and Douglas and while I heard them both. I now only recollect the opening remark of Douglas as he commenced to speak by referring to the "Stature" of Lincoln and striking his hand up & down and quoting the Scripture "How long - oh Lord - How long" But little he knew then - when he was alluding to the height of his opponent - the "Rail Splitter" - That it was not physical Stature alone that counts - - - not strength of body - nor of mind - no, nor both of these combined that make us the model man - but as "Watts" put it - "I would be manly in my soul"

It was his soul or "character" that made Lincoln immortal - and the memory of him will last "how long - oh! Lord - how long!

I was present - here at a "political rally" - previous to the debate when Fremont was running for President on the old "Whig ticket" and recollect the "Long Free Soil - free speech - free press - free men, - Fremont - and Dayton too. - Sorrowly give you as a very few here remain that heard the famed Lincoln

Yours

J. M. Dennis

(over)

The "carriage" - an open one seated "buggy" - ~~was~~ was used in which Lincoln rode to Galesburg in Knox county on a joining county exibition at the 75th anniversary here and I think it now stored in "old Main" of Knox College here. but- probably it has been returned to the owner who brought him overland from Knoxville Ill where he stayed over night at the "Hebbard House" He was entertained here by our former Mayor Hon Henry. P. Sanderson - now deceased

Dermott, H.S.

554 Hudson Ave.
Albany N.Y.

Albany, N.Y.

May 7. 1931.

Howard K Terry Esq.
Bustleton. Philadelphia. Pa.

My dear Mr. Terry,

I am in Hartford at the present time. Upon my return to Albany I will be glad to write you my story Concerning my meeting with Abraham Lincoln in 1861.

Sincerely
Henry Saga Dermott

Dictated
HSD.

Dermott, Henry S. W. Hartford, Conn.

25 North Quaker Lane
West Hartford Conn. May 12 '31

Howard K Terry Esq.
Bustleton. Philadelphia Pa.

My dear Mr Terry,

In further reply to your letter of May 1 1931: of course I cannot send the facts you desire concerning my meeting with Abraham Lincoln, until my return to Albany, as I wrote you.

Regarding your postscript asking for names of any persons who have had similar Lincoln experiences, — I might mention Mr Benjamin Walworth Morgan, 24 North Quaker Lane, Wes. - Hartford Conn, - a chance acquaintance during my brief visit in Hartford. He seems to have an interesting story to tell. Try also, Gen. Amasa J. Parker of Albany N.Y.

Very truly
Henry Sage Dermott

Dictated.

Dermott, Henry S. Troy, N.Y. Albany, N.Y.

554 Hudson Avenue
Albany, New York

11 June 1931

Mr Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria Street
Bustleton
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr Terry:

I am in receipt of your letter of 1 May 1931, requesting some statement from me as a spectator at the reception of President-Elect Abraham Lincoln in the "Union Depot", Troy, New York, on February 19th, 1861.

Mr Lincoln was on his way to Washington where he was to be inaugurated on the 4th of March following.

It was not upon the program that Mr Lincoln was to speak at Troy, New York. He was to go to New York from Albany. The only bridge crossing the Hudson was at Troy. It was deemed unwise to take the President-Elect across the frozen river in a sleigh, the usual method of boarding a train for New York in the winter. He was sent over the Albany Northern Railroad- now the Delaware and Hudson.

At the "Union Depot", Troy, N.Y., as it was then known, the Lincoln party was received by Mayor Isaac McConihe Jr., who introduced the President-Elect to the assembled 10,000 persons.

I remember him as being tall and slender, very much resembling any presiding Elder of the Methodist Church of the period. My impression is that Lincoln's speech was short. Naturally I do not remember what he said. I know that there was much cheering, and he probably told one of his famous stories as I distinctly recall the uproarious laughter following. Had I not absented myself from school to be present at that remarkable gathering, I should not have been able to have contributed my modest part in the reception tendered a great man.

Facts narrated here are not altogether a matter of memory, but are reflected from a diary kept at the time.

Sincerely yours

M.A.EGAN

HENRY SAGE DERMOTT

Henry Sage Dermott

State of New York
City and County of Albany } S.S.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the City, County and State aforesaid on this 13 day of June, 1931.

M. A. Egan

ALBANY COUNTY

DeSouza, Rose

Springfield Ill.

Aug. 14. - 931.

Howard R. Perry.
Bustleton Philadelphia.

Dear Sir, -

Your letter received some weeks ago. Asking of my mother to write you.

My mother enjoys talking to any one who calls to enquire about the Lincolns. But she doesn't seem to be in the mood of writting. So I hope you

will forgive her for being ~~so~~
past 9 years, & don't insist
on her doing only what pleases
her.

Mother says Mr. Lincoln
deserves all the praise. for he
was a very kind man and
always ready to do good to
those in need. although he
was a man of very little
money.

Mother moved in the Lincoln
home
toward months. saving for the

whole family.

Mother describe Mrs Lincoln as a highly nervous woman.

One thing my mother says she will never forget while she work at the Lincoln home was the baskets of mail he received when running for office. in those days we had no letter carriers and Lincoln had to go to the Post Office and carry his mail home in large baskets and he would sit whe- he could

see him sorting the mail.
Mother ate her noon day meal
with the Lincolns. amid the months
she served in the home. Mr.
Lincoln was always kind
and spoke very gentle at all times.

A man sent By our God to
do so much good. and had to
be taken as he was, before his
work was finished.

Sorry mother would not make
up her mind to write. and I
know you will forgive her.
Yours Respectively.
Rose DeLanza

Diller, Isaac R.
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Sons of the American Revolution
Chapter One - Illinois Society
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Springfield, Illinois

Oct 8th 1932

Dr Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne, Ind

Dear Dr. Warren-

A friend sent me a copy of "28 Illinoisans Recall seeing Abraham Lincoln," and I see none are from Springfield. I enclose two clippings which name three. I send you the names of ten who make that claim and there are no doubt others.

Mrs Johanna Beckemeyer, 100 years old Oct 7th 1932
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Mrs Dodds - 210 Adelia St.
Isaac R. Diller 511 West Carpenter St

Yours truly
Isaac R. Diller

Diller, Isaac

Converse, Mrs. A. O.

ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,

Ivy From Washington Tomb Planted At Lincoln Tomb

—By State Journal Staff Photographer.

Members of the garden department of the Springfield Art club yesterday morning planted six ivy vines from near the tomb of George Washington at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Isaac Diller and Mrs. A. O. Converse, both of whom saw Lincoln, are shown in the above photo planting some of the ivy. Members of the club organization are shown in the background, together with Herbert Wells Fay, custodian of the tomb, and George Hodgkinson, who did the landscaping work at the tomb.

Plant Ivy From Mount Vernon At Tomb Of Lincoln

A delegation of members of the garden department of the Springfield Art association, headed by Mrs. E. E. Staley, president, yesterday morning planted six ivy vines from near Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Three of the vines were placed at the side of the stairs to the left of the entrance. The three excavations were made by Isaac Diller, Mrs. R. H. McAnulty and Mrs. G. W. Miller, and the ivy was planted by Mrs. W. O. Converse, Mrs. Edward Redlich and Mrs. E. E. Staley. The work was done under the supervision of George Hodgkinson, who did the planting at the new tomb.

The other three vines were planted on the east side and the following ladies took part: Mrs. Isaac Diller, Mrs. Thomas Masters, Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. I. W. Metz, Mrs. E. B. Middleton, Mrs. Frank Trutter, Mrs. C. J. Doyle, Miss Willa Moore, Mrs. Edward Pree and Mrs. H. W. Fay, wife of the custodian of the tomb.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1932

Diller,
Keys,
Neuman

PHOTOCOPY
(original in safe)

Springfield, Ill.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 18, 1931

Mr. Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria Street
Bustleton
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Terry:

The only people now living here who remember Lincoln were small boys at the time of his departure and consequently recollect only a few things about him. I would suggest that you write to the following:

Mr. Isaac R. Diller, 214½ South Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois

Mr. Edward D. Keys, Ridgely Farmers State Bank, Springfield, Ill.

Mr. J. C. Neuman, 304 East Monroe St., Springfield, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

Paul M. Angle.

Diller, I.R. Judge Monroe's address
Co. Mrs Charles Pshl
Champaign
Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
CHAPTER ONE, ILLINOIS SOCIETY
ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 1, 1897
Springfield, Ill.

July 23rd 1931

Mr Howard K. Terry
Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of 20th inst duly received. As the National Republic is published in Washington, D.C. I suppose the copy of the February issue can be secured there.

When the antecedents of Edgar Lee Masters are considered, the animus of his mud slinging is no surprise. The refusal of the present Commander of Confederate Veterans to participate in honoring the memory of Lincoln at his birthplace together with the G.A.R and General Pershing, is on the same line. Washington had to bear the same opposition during his life, and some are still engaged in trying to attack his memory. Lincoln was abused as few men, during his life, and even by members of his Cabinet, but he bore it, that the Union might be preserved, and God sustained him through it all.

Did you ever read the Temperance Address of Abraham Lincoln, delivered before the Springfield Washingtonian Temperance Society, Feb. 22nd 1842? His closing tribute to the name of Washington is equally applicable to himself, as their names are so

closely associated. When his body rested in the Hall of Representatives here, in 1865, the following was around the freeze - "Washington, the Father of his Country." "Lincoln, the Saviour of his Country." and so they will stand out in history.

I do not recall hearing the name of Wm Henry Shelton.

I phoned L. C. Hopkins on receipt of your letter and he is in Arkansas with his son, who has a ranch or orchard there. His wife tries to get him to answer letters like yours, but he will not. He promised me he would reply to you and I will try to get him to do so on his return. We were boys together.

Fleetwood Lindley said he would reply.

Judge Monroe was an assistant Attorney General but has moved away but will try to secure his address before mailing this. I read your letter today to E. A. Hall, Vice President of First National Bank and you can address him there, and he will give you any information possible. He is an active, well preserved member of the G. A. R. and a fine gentleman.

I do not want to be understood as condemning all ex-Confederates or Southerners, as I believe the large majority honor Lincoln's memory and realize in his death they lost their best friend. I saw Andrew Johnson when he passed through our city on his "swing around the circle," and I am glad he is receiving some merited consideration after so much abuse, as I believe he tried to carry out Lincoln's policy, but lacked his ability, and whether Lincoln himself could have succeeded, will always be a question. Yours truly

Isaac R. Diller

Dillon, James New York - Inauguration Bath, N.Y.

National Soldiers & Sailors
Home, Bath, N.Y.
Feby 11/31

Mr H. K. Tenney.
Beatleton Philadelphia.
Dear Sir,

In reply to Your request it was my pleasure to be present at the Parades before the Inauguration of the President elect Abraham Lincoln, as the passed, through West 23d Street in the city of New York early in March 1861. He stood erect in his open Carriage with his high silk hat saluting the people, who had come out to receive him He wore a Prince Albert broad cloth suit, a fine appearing Man about 6 ft. 3 of amiable and kindly appearance He was on his way to the Hudson River Railroad station which then left 30th St and 10th Ave. in the city of New York I was then about 13 years old in 1861 I became a member of the 99th Regt National Guard G- company and when the call came for service I responded to the call and was sent to the Receiving depot for Prisoners

of War I was sent Elmira New York to assist
in guarding them, until discharged
When I returned to New York and tried to
enlist again, but the examing surgeon
Dr Loomis told me to go home and have
my mother dress me up as a girl,
and they would not accept me as a high
Spriate
But as my parents were both dead I could
not comply with his request I was born
November 21/47 and am now 83 Years + 3 Months
At present I am disabled caused by a
severe fall on an icy floor in the Hospital
It has affected my whole left side
I am on the recovery, as I hope you
will pardon my grammar and Penmanship

Respectfully

James Dillon
G. Co. 99th New York
National Guard

Dilonaco, Mrs. C. L. White House reception Franklin, Ind.

Mr. H. K. Terry -

Jour letter came this morn - and in deply nice day - I went to Wash. & K - as a Jury bride - in ✓ 2 - during the civil war - & I was my privilege to attend the reception of Mrs. Lincoln once in this way - saw him many times - Her was inflicted, one of the greatest men our country ever produced - and his name nice him down - Her was - as many

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Of this practice Brahmadatta - Jain - enjoying Brahmin man, but only of this kindest - Jacen, that Shaman the big hearted man he was. In much comfort - willing - one said - "Samut-Mah Ade" - "Who came into the Kingdom for such a time as this".

Rev.

Wm. A. Wilson

Franklin

Ind.

3-11-/31

Dobbs, Winter ,Ash

Vineland, N.Jersey

NEW JERSEY MEMORIAL HOME
FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES
AND THEIR WIVES AND WIDOWS
VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

February 26,1931

Mr.Howard K. Terry
9528 Wisteria St.
Bustleton, Phila. Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Just at this time I am unable to advise whether or not any of our Civil War people, knew or saw Abraham Lincoln. We now have only twenty of these men in the Home and most of them are in poor physical condition and would be unable to answer a letter. Would suggest that you write to Warren Dobbs, John Winder or Newton Ash, care of this Home.

Very truly yours,

Barton T. Fell

Barton T.Fell
Superintendent

BTF:JLA

Dobson, H. A. Madison, Wis.

JESSE S. MEYERS
CUSTODIAN G. A. R. MEMORIAL HALL
STATE CAPITOL
MADISON, WISCONSIN

June 13 1931

Mr Howard K. Perry
Philadelphia Pa.

My Dear Sir— your letter just recd Making inquiry as to My knowledge of "Abraham Lincoln." I do not know where Mr Barton got his information from that I knew Mr Lincoln. My Soldiering was all done in the Western Department. Consequently I never saw him. But we have an old Comrade here who knows more for personal contact than any other Man I know of. (Dr H. A. Dobson. 303 Lathrop St. Madison Wis. is his address. Though confined to the house much of the time I think he will gladly give you much reliable information. Write him. I'd go and see him for you. But am just expecting to go away on a journey and may not be back for some time

Very Respectfully
J. S. Meyers.

LETTERS S-D
DRAWER 26
MEETINGS UNION.

Dodge, John S. Messenger at White House Boston, Mass.

63 Carver Street,
Boston, Mass.
March 3, 1928.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
4712 McKinley Street,
Tacony,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Terry:

I received your letter of February the 18th, but I delayed answering it on account of ill health.

In replying please let me say that I was employed as a messenger and guard at the White House from August 1864 to May 1865. You have asked me to relate to you some incidents connected with my services there.

Please let me say that they were so many and so varied that I do not know where to begin nor where to end. I shall be very glad, however, to send you at some future time some of the incidents connected with my services in the White House, and my knowledge of the events that took place while there, and will take pleasure in preparing you some of the incidents that may be of interest to you and to others to whom you may want to show them.

I am much interested in the Log Cabin on the estate of Miss Mary Bowditch Forbes in Milton and have visited there many times, and was there on February 12th last, Mr. Lincoln's Birthday, at the celebration.

Hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. DODGE.

P. S.
You have asked for the address of comrade Stone. It is 163 West Newton St., Boston, Mass.

Dome, Lewis Samiel

Mansfield, Ohio
Ashland, Ohio
speeches

Toledo, Ohio

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August 28 1932

" I Saw Lincoln "

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
AUG 30 1932

Full Name Lewis Samiel Dome

Present Address 2318 Broadway Toledo Ohio

Date of Birth Year 1852 Month August Day 11

Place of Birth Jefferson Richland Co O

Where You Saw Lincoln At Mansfield Ohio

When You Saw Lincoln In Mansfield Oct 1863

Remarks: - Making a Speach and we the
Children and I Shook hand with Lincoln
I saw him Several Times in 1864 not
in Ashland and once in Mansfield making
Speaches and heard him a Sick Spell
from Lewis Samiel Dome 2318 Broadway
Toledo Ohio

Dome, Lewis Samiel

Toledo, Ohio

AUG 22 1932

Toledo Ohio
August 20 1932

Mr Lewis Insurance
So the ad i just read
in the Blade News de
of Mrs Law and Talk
with Lincon i did Shake
hands with him at
Mansfield ohio Richland
So ohio herd him Speak
He an Migent Man and
if i had more to would
like to See the annersing
i am in my 80 year but
in good helth and Can go
hoping to here from you
My Name Lewis Samiel Dome
2318 Broadway Toledo Ohio

Send him Spark in
2 and 63 Lewis
Ave Elizabeth Parker
and if I had money
I would buy a
fortune. He is if
I live till then

Lewis & Dome
2318 Broadway
Toledo

I was born and rais
in Richland Co Ohio
and have lived in the
State a home all my
life but have traveled
over Yours Truly
Hoping to See you

Donnel, Thomas H. S. Colville Wash.

March 26 1913

Thes Editor Knoxville
Journal i inclose my record
as one of they Lincoln voters
i cast my first vote for
Lincoln in township Summit
marion County Iowa my secon
vote for Lincoln was when i
was a prisner at Soten Georgia
my last vote dident count

Thomas S Donnel
Co. K. 3rd Iowa vetran
vol. Cav.

Doughty, Lucenia Anna — Sangamon Co., Ill. at home of grandfather — Alto Pass, Ill.

"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Lucenia Anna Doughty

Present Address Alto Pass Ill.

Date of Birth Year 1851 Month June Day 21

Place of Birth Sangamon Co Ill

Where you saw Lincoln Springfield Ill

When You saw Lincoln [illegible]

Remarks: -

Doughty, Lucenia Anna Alto Pall, Ill.

Alto Pass Ill
Aug 23-32.

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

In answer to the question - who knew Abraham Lincolm, - I am 81 years old - I saw him on 1st occasion. The last time I saw him was at my Grand Father Stephen Sowel's in Sangamon Co. my mother Abraham Lincolm went to the same school together in Sangamon County. If you would wish any more information write me.

Mrs. Lucenia Doughty

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Sea Cliff, Long Island, N. Y., May 4 1901

Howard K Ferry

Dear Sir

As per your request for my Little Story about our glorious Lincoln will do the Best I can I was in command of the Mortar Schooner a Wind Jammer. One of 21. we was No 10 in 2nd Division of the Porter fleet fitted out with 13 in Mortars for the Messippi River in 63. I was then Carpenters Mate, after we cleaned up the River to Vicksburg & on Blockade Later. was ordered to Washington Navy yard for Repairs while there in Sept 63. I was called on Deck I got there in no time & I saw a Very tall man. I knew him first Pop By Pictures in Press I walked to him at Salute & he asked me if I Knew who he was I said yes Sir you are our President & commander he said he wanted to see how we worked the Mortar. Placed amid Ship Bet fore & main mast on a circular Platform & could be trained in any Direction fore. aft or abeam, I had my crew called to Quarters trained Loaded with Blank shell 13 in took the Lock string & saluted & said now Mr — Lincoln I can Land this Shell in the Dome &

the Capitol. he Almost jumped clear of the Deck Both Hands in the air & Shouted Leave it where it is. which I did & Said all Right Admiral he was delited & Said So and Said the demonstration was fine walked to me took my hand and gave me some Squeze he had a Hand as Big as a Spade. the thanked me for the Show and Said no wonder our frends on the other Side had no Love for Porters Soup Kettles as they called us on the River. July 4th 63 we was fighting Vicks Burg. we got for dinner the Rebs opened fire on us. call to quarter 12 05 opened fire 12 20. at twelve 30 we drove them from their guns and we finished our Plum Duff as they call Raisin Batter pudding Boiled in a Bag. I saw holes at fort jackson that the Shell dug in one second filled with 17 Bales of cotton to keep the Road way passable Please Excuse writing as I am not as nimble as I used to be hope this is Satisfactory. Sincerely yours

Rec Pension check this am from my uncle Sam

we are getting very Dense. only Wm B Drapier 91 years young

Sea cliff. I am Honorable guest 133 maple Ave

a James Brenget Legion Sea Cliff L I

only
1 C.W. Vet. in. Glencove

DuBois, Caspar C. Indianapolis, Ind. Kokomo, Ind.
Funeral

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"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Caspar C. DuBois

Present address 1215 So. Webster St. Kokomo Indiana.

Date of Birth Year 1849 Month May Day 19th

Place of Birth Near Liberty Union Co. Indiana

Where You Saw Lincoln Old State House Indianapolis Indiana

When You Saw Lincoln April 15th 1865

Remarks: It has been over Sixty years and I am not Positive whether it was April 15th when I saw Mr Lincoln. but it was near that date. when he lay in State at Indianapolis.

DuBois, Caspar C. Kokomo, Ind.

Kokomo Ind.

LINCOLN NATIONAL
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Muncie Ind.

Muncie Ind.

I was born 1849.

and saw Mr Lincoln
in 1865- when he lay
in State at Indianapolis
in The Old State House.

It was my first trip
to Indianapolis. I went
from Noblesville on a
freight train in a
box car. It rained all
day. I saw more Un-
-happiness that day than
I have ever seen in all my

2d

life. We had to march
& about to go through
the State House. 2 Soldiers
stood guard at the
Casket.

I shall always
remember that trip.

With Respect

to Mrs Bond

1215 So. Webster St

Kokomo

Ind.

Dugan, Cornelius Washington

3735 North 15th St. Phila. Pa.

Nov. 19th 1929.

Dear Mr. Terry:

Your favor of the 13th inst. to hand 14th. I know you will pardon delay in answering. It was intentional- I wanted to think over the subject.

I was attached to the Frigate Oakland. We were detached from the St. Atlantic fleet and ordered North to take part in the capture of Hoot Fisher. On the way North. We brought it up

Up. "
On Frying Pan Shoals off the Coast of N. Carolina. Ugly Weather. We came near to leaving our boundaries. After about 36 hours battling with the Aid of our blockaders we managed to get off. This accident was the cause of me being Ordered to Phil. to give evidence in the Case of our Capt. John D. Comb. An investigation into grounding, having been ordered.

On my arrival in Washington. I was passing through the White House grounds, I noticed quite a party in front of the door of the W. House. I joined those near the door. In a short time a party (5 or 6) came out followed by our President "Abr." Lincoln. He stood for a few minutes, looked over the crowd (only perhaps 50) bowed, spoke a few words to his Judge, Secretary. The Secretary left him, in a few minutes returned with a Woman who had been coming was a short brought down in front and behind at the back a child on his arms and leading one by the hand. A word or two, the children patted on the head. The Secy went off with her

This incident gave me an insight as to the disposition of our beloved, Martyred President Mr Lincoln. I was close to the steps, I held out my hand, he took it, said a few words. I looked into face, A more kind, gentle Expression I have never met with.

P. S.

Abraham Lincoln was tall, I am. His close hug took me in.

Bryan.

I saw Lincoln two or three times since but spoke to him only the first time.

Had our beloved President "Abe. Lincoln" lived there would have been no Confict raging after the war. I am satisfied no man has ever lived who has cared more for the man of the people than our Martyred President: Abraham Lincoln. God be with him. Pardon Self.

Yours very truly.

Cornelius Bryan. U. S. Navy.

Men and Things

Old Philadelphia Salt Recalls Serving With Dewey and Other Naval Heroes in the Civil War Period; Also on Active Duty in Spanish and World Wars.

DO YOU want to see the signature of old Abe Lincoln?" asked the frail ninety-year-old sailor (now Lieutenant Commander) Cornelius Dugan, as I sat talking with him in his home at No. 3735 N. 15th street. "I certainly do," I replied, "do you have it here?" "I have it upstairs framed, it is my warrant as gunner." I went upstairs with Commander Dugan and, sure enough, there was the warrant framed with the signature in Abraham Lincoln's own handwriting. In addition there was the signature of Gideon Wells, Secretary of the Navy. The date of the warrant was June 26th, 1861.

Conversation with Commander Dugan brings one back to true Civil War times. He entered the Navy as an apprentice way back in 1855, more than seventy-four years ago. Among some of the high spots that stood out in the interview with this most interesting naval officer are some of the following:

He was a shipmate with Admiral Dewey on the Wabash from 1858 to 1859 when the famous frigate made a Mediterranean cruise. Dugan was in both attacks on Fort Fisher, N. C., under Admiral Porter in December, 1864, and January, 1865, the capture of which fort helped to hasten the end of the war. Commander Dugan was also in service in the World War, for after having been retired for sixteen years, he volunteered for active duty and was assistant to the inspector of ordnance at Cramp's Shipyard, thus being one of the very few (if there were any others) who served both in the Civil War and in the World War which were over a half a century apart. He certainly is one of the oldest living men in point of service in the United States Navy. He speaks familiarly, and in terms of intimacy, of men long since dead, who are known to every school boy, such as Admiral Farragut, Admiral Porter, Admiral Dupont, Captain Winslow of the Kearsarge, as well as Captain Semmes of the Confederate Ship Alabama. He knew William B. Cushing, the greatest individual hero of the war, who almost single-handed sank the Confederate ram Albemarle; he knew Captain Franklin Buchanan of the Confederate Navy; he studied gunnery under Admiral Dahlgren in Washington, before the opening of the Civil War. He was slightly wounded in the mouth and jaw, effects of which are still visible, by some splinters in the first attack on Fort Fisher.

Active Service Spanned Two Generations

Looking at the mild, kindly and gentle little figure with soft blue eyes and flowing white beard, one would scarcely think that he was one of the active naval heroes of the Civil War. He boasts of his health and legs. He claims that he can walk ten miles without any difficulty; he travels extensively and takes an active interest in national as well as local affairs. He is a widower and lives in the house, part of which he rents out. He is a native Philadelphian, having been born here in April, 1840. His parents were born here and were of Irish stock.

Cruised With Dewey On The Wabash

Dugan was only three years younger than Dewey and they had been together on the Wabash for over a year and a half, from May 1858 to 1859.

"Well," said Dugan, "Dewey threatened in recent years to thrash me." "Why?" I inquired. "Because I did not look him up when I came to Washington. His promotion as Admiral and his victory on Manila Bay did not change his attitude towards me. We met a number of times and he was always cordial."

This cruise on the Wabash meant considerable to Admiral Dewey and he devotes a whole chapter to it in his autobiography. Indeed one of Dewey's biographers had access to Dewey's log of that trip and Dewey himself dwells with importance upon the events of that cruise. Dugan was then an apprentice while Dewey had just come out of the Naval Academy. They visited Gibraltar, Marseilles and Constantinople. In the latter city, the Sultan came on board. I doubt if there is any other survivor of that famous trip way back in 1858 besides Dugan. The Wabash, it must be mentioned, was the largest United States Frigate, probably the largest war vessel of the world, and was in the same class as the Merrimac before the latter was converted by the Confederates into an iron-clad.

"Did you know Captain Samuel Baron?" I happened to ask Dugan, for I had been reading about this famous nephew of James Baron, who killed Decatur in a duel, and was a friend of Farragut's, and had gone over to the Confederacy. "Why," replied Dugan, "he was a captain on this very frigate, the Wabash, when we went to the Mediterranean, and a finer man never lived."

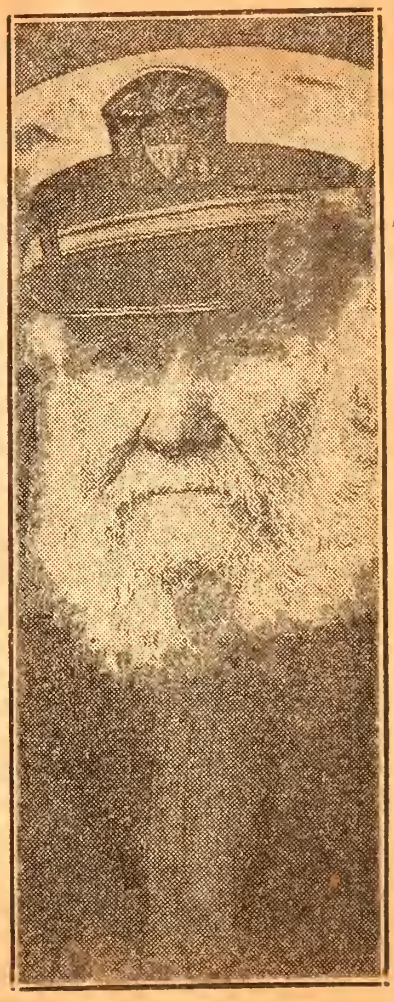
Mr. Dugan continued: "Lieutenant C. R. P. Rodgers was the first lieutenant on the Wabash in 1859, and it is due to him that I became a gunner, for he advised me to go to the experimental battery at the Washington Navy Yard." Dugan also had interesting reminiscences of the ten months he spent in Washington studying gunnery in 1860. He attended Admiral Dahlgren's school. In Washington he met Franklin Buchanan, who was at the Navy Yard, and who later was defeated by Farragut at Mobile Bay. Dugan also met Semmes, later of Alabama fame. Semmes had also been on duty at Washington, and had resigned when the State of Alabama seceded.

In Pacific When South Seceded

Another ship on which Dugan served was the frigate Congress before the war. As is well known, the Congress was one of the ships sunk by the Merrimac at Hampton Roads, and Dugan knew many of the men who went down in this ship.

Dugan was on the Congress also on a Mediterranean cruise from July, 1855, to December, 1857. It was commanded by Thomas T. Craven, who later fought under Farragut at New Orleans, and subsequently had an issue with the famous Admiral, which led to Craven's asking to be relieved from Farragut's command.

At the outbreak of the Civil War itself, Dugan was on the Cyane, at Panama. This was commanded by Lieutenant Foxhall A. Parker, who later published a most interesting book on the battle of Mobile Bay, at which he fought. The ship was soon ordered to San Francisco. It was here that the first engagement took place at which he was present. They captured a privateer.



Ninety-Year-Old Civil War Hero —Lieutenant Commander Cornelius Dugan, 3735 N. 15th st., has a warrant, as gunner, signed by Abraham Lincoln and Gideon Wells, Secretary of the Navy. He was a shipmate with Admiral Dewey, on the Wabash, from 1858 to 1859 and among his other Civil War exploits, took part in the attacks on and the capture of Fort Fisher, N. C., in 1864 and 1865. His recollection of men famous in Civil War times is still vivid. (See article on editorial page).

No doubt the most important battle in which Dugan fought was at Fort Fisher. He was of the party that landed in the second attack on Fort Fisher. In Dugan's opinion it was a mistake to have sailors who were only armed with cutlasses and revolvers make up the attacking party. Naturally many of the men were wounded and the attack itself was not altogether at first successful. Incidentally Admiral Porter was not so popular with the men, certainly not in the way Farragut was.

Sailors With Cutlasses Stormed Fort

Dugan had charge of a division in both attacks. As a gunner, naturally he was expert. Asked if he felt any fear, he said he was naturally too absorbed in his duties to think of fear. "It was an interesting spectacle, guns recoiling and every man bent on doing his duty." In the attack on Fort Fisher, Dugan was back again on his old ship, the Wabash, in which he had sailed the Mediterranean. It was now commanded by Captain Melancthon Smith who had figured prominently in Farragut's attack at New Orleans.

Dugan was also active in another important engagement—the unsuccessful affair at Charleston, South Carolina, under Admiral Dupont in 1863. C. R. P. Rodgers was captain of the fleet at the time. Dugan exonerates Dupont for his failure, as many naval experts have done since. As is well known, the Secretary of the Navy was displeased with Dupont and Admiral Dahlgren, a Philadelphian, was sent to see what he could do.

"There was no finer or more popular man than Admiral Dupont," said Dugan. "To take Charleston was absolutely impossible; Farragut himself could not have done it, for the channels were very narrow and all the forts and batteries would concentrate their fire upon any ship attempting to pass the channels. I was at that time a scout. I had rejoined the Wabash. I learned that one of her launches had been captured and I volunteered to recapture or destroy it. I was first refused, but then allowed to do special duty on scout service."

An account of his services appears in a statement he gave to a World War acquaintance who was stationed in Philadelphia, Commander Charles F. Russell, who incidentally published an account of Dugan in the United States Institute Proceedings above five years ago. Dugan there says:

"One very dark night soon after was suited to my purpose. There was a heavy mist, and the water rather rough, a good night for the test. I managed to work in between Sumter and Sullivan's Island. Nothing could be seen but the dark outlines on the Sullivan's Island side and the black, irregular pile on Sumter on the other. The tide was flooding. When as close as I thought right I floated the torpedo to the full length of the lines attached, lay on oars and drifted along with the tide. By the feel of the lines I could tell when anything was struck. Objects could not be seen until we hit them. After considerable time our lead gave notice that the tide was turning. Feeling confident that the torpedo was somewhere near the enemy I released the safety pin and pulled the firing line. The torpedo failed to explode. We must get it back! Getting the torpedo back was a delicate piece of work. As the safety pin was out we had a fine chance of blowing ourselves up. We worked by feeling, as we could see nothing. We soon got it under the stern but while lifting it into the boat we grounded. Looking up I saw Fort Sumter almost directly overhead, looking like a black wall falling over to-

Leads Forlorn Hope Under Sumter's Guns

us. All was quiet, my men ked as if they were at home. Not word was spoken. There appeared thought of danger. As I look back, wonder at the quiet, cool indifference exhibited by my associates in this venture. We finally got back without being discovered."

I was naturally interested in Dugan's friendship with Admiral Dewey.

As Commander Dugan told his story he laid little stress on any of his own achievements. He was, in fact, too modest. All I can say that he answered is that "I was there." He would make no comments that were hostile to any officers in the Navy and he had high words of praise for the character and ability of those men in the Navy whom he know before the war and who went over to the Southern side. One of the men he knew very well was the famous William B. Cushing. He was two years younger than Dugan. In fact, Dugan fitted Cushing out when he undertook to torpedo the Albemarle in 1864. "Cushing was not a good student at the Naval Academy," said Dugan, "but was a very fine fellow and utterly fearless. I saw him often and was very fond of him. I still remember his blonde hair, brushed back."

After the Civil War Dugan continued in service up to 1901. To detail his services would occupy considerable space. He has at his home copies of all his orders. During the Spanish War and both before and after, he was stationed at Dover, New Jersey, at the Navy Powder Depot.

Among his admirers have been Commodore C. R. P. Rodgers and Admiral Sims and both of them have given excellent testimonials of their high regard for him.

(Mr. Dugan's features appear on the picture page today.)

One Hundred Years Ago

(From Poulson's Advertiser of Oct. 23, 1829)

RAPID Traveling. Passengers who left New York yesterday morning in the steamboat New York, Captain George Jenkins, arrived in this city at ten minutes past 4 in the steamboat Philadelphia, Captain Kellum, making the passage in nine hours and five minutes.

Owing to the inadequate supply of coal, wood is daily rising here. Pine now commands $4 per cord, oak $5.50 and hickory $7. Coal, which was $6.50, is now $8 a ton.

"Why," said a country clergyman to one of his flock, "do you always snore in your pew, when I am in the pulpit, while you are all attention to every stranger I invite?" "Because, sir, when you preach I am sure all's right, but I can't trust a stranger without keeping a good look out."

THREE MYSTERIES

I love to look up to the sky,
When fleecy white flecks storms have left
In boundless blue are sailing by;
Like soul-stuff fresh of heaven bereft,
Awaiting forms to live on earth.
I love to look and think of birth.

I love to look about the land,
So full of small and ponderous things;
Its wonders throng on every hand,
From frailest tiny insect's wings,
To peaks defying age-long strife,
I love to look and think of life.

I love to look upon the sea,
When calms delight. But tempests awe
And howl a gruesome song to me,
Of treasures in its monstrous maw;
Of men and ships. With bated breath,
I'm forced to gaze and muse of death.

LINCOLN MILLET.

Williamsburg Indiana

Oct 5-32

Dr Warren.

Mrs Ella Duke
Williamsburg
Box 24, Ind.

Seeing a list of those who have been Lincoln. in Palladium Last evening. thought I would write you. My Birth year was 1856. so I want to tell you I remember of going with my Parents and Bro and Sisters to hear him Speak at Danville Ills. in 1860 I remember just how he looked that day on a high platform of course I now am 76 years old last Sept.

Mrs Ella Outland Duke.

also My Grand Father of Carolina had Slaves which he freed. My father brought a load thru to this state I think to Fountain City where he left them.

Dunham, Henry D. Decatur, Ill. Hotel Decatur, Ill.

Decatur Ill
Jan 7th 1932

Mr Terry

Dear Sir

your welcom letter Recd. & I am glad to inform you of My Recolections of Lincoln, I met him in Decatur in 1860, in the Revier Hotel (with) shook hands with him there, then met him several times here at Political meetings, I played in the Drum Corpse for him in these meetings this is the last Recolection I have of meeting him,

Over

Mrs Wingardners
Mrs Mary Wingardner
Address
927 N. Jasper St
Decatur Ill.

Respectfully Yours

Henry H. Burnham.
975 N. Eldorado St.
Decatur Ill.

Dunlap, N.J.

N. J. DUNLAP
FARMER AND STOCK DEALER

KINGSTON, OHIO July 9 1931

Mr Howard K Gerry

Dear Sir

Just received your letter concerning my visit to Washington The reporter got things mixed a little I said I voted for Mr Lincoln but never had the pleasure of meeting him as I served in the navy on the Mississippi river during the Civil war But I have met all the Presidents since and McKinley Roosevelt Harrison Coolidge and Hoover and think it was a great honor to meet and converse with each great man as they were

I attended the encampment of the Ohio G A R a couple of weeks ago and met President Harrison Gen John A Logan several times which I think as much honor as some of the Presidents I have met Dunlap

L.-D. Debates
Galesburg, Ill.

Dunn, Joseph H. Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg Ills. Sept. 15/31

Mr. H. K. Jerry
Bustleton Pa.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of 2d inst., I can only give you the impression of a boy 13 years old.

I had heard Douglas speak once or twice before, so that my whole attention was centered on Lincoln.

If one will take the picture of Lincoln in 1860, they will see the face that I saw.

Tall, Gaunt, Clean Shaven, with features so Kindly & Sad, that it seemed to me, that he must have just lost his best friend.

Had the chance been given me, I would have gone up & taken his hand & believe that his face would have lighted up with a smile.

Respectfully
Jos. H. Dunn

~~Feb~~ 1931

A personal line to you

We thank you for your Congratulations.

The Mother & I one both passed 86 years. Have been Married (fast) 61 years

Five Children were born to us & every one of them came home to A 60th Anniversary.

We cannot help but feel a little proud of ourselves

Mr & Mrs J H Dunn

Dustin, Mr.

Galena, Ohio

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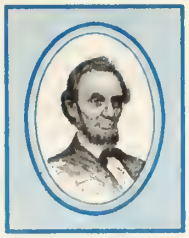

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

September 13th 1932.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

I just learned tonight you are desirous of securing the oldest G. A. R. Veteran of each state who knew and conversed with Abraham Lincoln.

I personally know that Mr. Dustin, of Galena, Ohio knew Mr. Lincoln and I recal very vividly of his speaking of the last time he conversed with Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Dustin is 92 years of age and very active.

I am very sure he would be glad to come to Ft. Wayne to the Dedication Ceremony Friday and suggest you wire him in care of his son, Nathan Dustin, a Lincoln Life Policyholder and Mayor of Galena. They live in the same house and he will convey what message you might have for his Father.

Hoping this information does not reach you too late to be of value to you I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ed P Adang